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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ryo KURODA et al.

Application No.: 10/648,317

Filed: August 27, 2003

For: NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK AND NEAR-FIELD
EXPOSURE APPARATUS INCLUDING THE
PHOTOMASK (As Amended)

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: Examiner: J. S. Ruggles
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: Group Art Unit: 1756
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: Confirmation No.: 3665
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: Allowed: January 12, 2006
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: January 27, 2006
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability dated January 12, 2006, in the above-identified application, in which the Notice of Allowance incorrectly lists the TITLE OF INVENTION as ‘NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK, NEAR-FIELD EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING THE PHOTOMASK, DOT PATTERN FORMING METHOD USING THE EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD.’

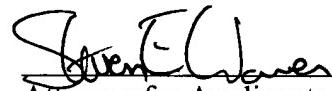
The title as listed does not reflect the title as amended by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability dated January 12, 2006. Specifically, the title, as amended, should read -- NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK AND NEAR-FIELD EXPOSURE APPARATUS INCLUDING THE PHOTOMASK --. Applicants, therefore, requests that the TITLE OF THE INVENTION be

corrected to read -- NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK AND NEAR-FIELD EXPOSURE APPARATUS INCLUDING THE PHOTOMASK --. Accordingly, Applicants request that a corrected Notice of Allowance be issued to make this correction.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated therewith.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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